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Barley and Spring Wheat Yields Unchanged From Previous Month

Based on conditions as of September 1, Idaho's spring wheat yield is forecast at 78.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but down one bushel from last year's yield. Production of 44,460,000 bushels from 570,000 harvested acres is 12 percent below 1999. Idaho's all wheat production is expected to be 104,320,000 bushels, down slightly from last year's 104,520,000 bushels. Barley yield is expected to be 76.0 bushels per acre, also unchanged from August 1, but below last year's yield of 78.0 bushels per acre. Total production of 55,480,000 bushels from 730,000 harvested acres is up 3 percent from last year. Sugarbeet

production is forecast at 5,655,000 tons from 211,000 acres, up 11 percent from 1999. The expected yield is 26.8 tons per acre, up from last year's 24.3 tons per acre. The sugarbeet acreage and production estimates do not reflect expected reductions due to the government PIK program announced in July. Acreage and production adjustments due to the program will not be known until all bids are reviewed and either accepted or rejected.

Nationally, all wheat production is forecast at 2.30 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the August forecast, but down fractionally from 1999. Spring wheat production is expected to total 590 million bushels, up 7 percent from last month and 17 percent higher than 1999. Barley production is forecast at 310 million bushels, up slightly from August, and 10 percent above 1999 production. Sugarbeet production is forecast at 34.3 million tons, up 3 percent from last year. As with the state level data, the sugarbeet production forecast does not reflect expected reductions due to the government PIK program.

Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production - Idaho & U.S., 1999- September 2000

CROP	UNIT	HARVESTED ACREAGE		YIELD		PRODUCTION		2000 AS PERCENT OF 1999
		1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
IDAHO:		Thousand Acres				Thousands		Percent
All Wheat	Bu.	1,350	1,300	77.4	80.2	104,520	104,320	100
Winter Wheat	Bu.	710	730	76.0	82.0	53,960	59,860	111
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	640	570	79.0	78.0	50,560	44,460	88
Oats	Bu.	25	20	68.0	65.0	1,700	1,300	76
Barley	Bu.	690	730	78.0	76.0	53,820	55,480	103
All Hay	Tons	1,430	1,390	3.59	3.76	5,132	5,231	102
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	1,150	1,130	4.00	4.10	4,600	4,633	101
Sugarbeets	Tons	210	211	24.3	26.8	5,103	5,655	111
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	103	88	2,050	2,000	2,112	1,760	83
UNITED STATES:								
All Wheat ^{3/}	Bu.	53,909	54,445	42.7	42.3	2,302,443	2,302,252	100
Winter Wheat	Bu.	35,572	35,401	47.8	45.0	1,699,989	1,594,321	94
Spring Wheat ^{1/}	Bu.	14,768	15,058	34.1	39.2	503,132	590,069	117
Oats	Bu.	2,453	2,452	59.6	62.3	146,218	152,745	104
Barley	Bu.	4,758	5,235	59.2	59.2	281,853	309,930	110
All Hay	Tons	63,160	62,191	2.52	2.46	159,077	153,255	96
Alfalfa Hay	Tons	23,985	23,767	3.50	3.32	83,924	78,796	94
Sugarbeets	Tons	1,527	1,504	21.9	22.8	33,420	34,299	103
Dry Beans ^{2/}	Lbs.	1,877	1,581	1,770	1,630	33,230	25,764	78

^{1/} Spring wheat other than durum. ^{2/} Yield in pounds, production in 1,000 cwt. ^{3/} Includes durum wheat.

Mid-August Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of August showed increases from July for beef cattle, cows, and potatoes. Price declines were recorded for alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, all wheat, steers & heifers, and all milk. Prices remained unchanged for dry beans and calves.

For the United States, the August All Farm Products Index of Prices Received was 97 based on 1990-92=100, down 1 point (1.0 percent) from July. Lower prices for broilers, cattle, hogs, and corn more than offset price increases for eggs, tomatoes, sweet corn, and grapes.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, August 1999-August 2000

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		August 1999	July 2000	August 2000 ^{1/}	August 1999	July 2000	August 2000	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	91.00	93.00	92.00	84.90	84.50	83.90	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.91	3.06	2.99	2.37	2.70	2.13	36
Feed	Bu.	1.81	1.97	1.95	1.50	1.71	1.47	--
Malting	Bu.	3.01	10/	10/	2.65	3.04	2.58	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	16.10	14.20	14.20	18.00	15.10	15.50	31
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	5.90	3.60	3.75	6.38	7.12	5.90	44
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	7.80	2.60	--	9.45	9.59	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	5.00	4.60	--	4.65	5.00	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.52	2.52	2.44	2.53	2.32	2.30	24
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	60.00	62.30	62.90	63.50	67.50	65.10	42
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	36.30	37.60	38.00	36.30	39.20	38.60	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	65.20	69.70	68.40	66.20	70.40	67.70	--
Calves	Cwt.	80.00	90.00	90.00	89.60	106.00	105.00	53
Lambs	Cwt.	75.00	85.00	--	80.30	87.00	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	16.00	11.00	10.80	15.10	12.70	7/ 12.50	8/ 40
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	16.00	11.00	--	15.00	12.70	7/ 12.50	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	16.20	10.40	--	15.30	10.70	7/ 10.60	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.56, fluid milk 3.56, mfg grade 3.65. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	July 1999	August 1999	July 2000		August 2000 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	95	99	98	98	97
Prices Paid	115	115	120	120	119
Ratio ^{1/}	83	86	82	82	82

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

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Idaho Milk Production Up 13 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2000 totaled 646 million pounds, up 12.7 percent from the same month last year and equal to July 2000. Revised production for July 2000 totaled 646 million pounds, up 13.3 percent from July 1999. Average milk production per cow in August 2000 was 1,810 pounds, 40 pounds more than August 1999, but 10 pounds less than July 2000. The average number of milk cows in August was 357,000 head, 33,000 more than in August 1999 and 2,000 more than July 2000.

Nationally, August milk production in the 20 major States totaled 12.0 billion pounds, up 4.0 percent from production in these same States in August 1999. July revised production, at 12.2 billion pounds, was up 5.4 percent from July 1999. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,530 pounds for August, 43 pounds above August 1999. The number of cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.84 million head, 89,000 head more than August 1999 and 10,000 head more than July 2000.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 1999-2000

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2000 As Percent of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		
Arizona	135	140	1,580	1,555	213	218	102
California	1,472	1,533	1,770	1,760	2,605	2,698	104
Florida	158	156	1,045	1,080	165	168	102
IDAHO	324	357	1,770	1,810	573	646	113
Illinois	121	120	1,280	1,400	155	168	108
Indiana	136	151	1,300	1,420	177	214	121
Iowa	216	215	1,400	1,510	302	325	108
Kentucky	132	133	975	1,030	129	137	106
Michigan	303	301	1,530	1,600	464	482	104
Minnesota	550	530	1,385	1,425	762	755	99
Missouri	157	153	1,000	1,130	157	173	110
New Mexico	235	255	1,635	1,730	384	441	115
New York	702	690	1,450	1,470	1,018	1,014	100
Ohio	259	263	1,440	1,455	373	383	103
Pennsylvania	615	619	1,455	1,485	895	919	103
Texas	346	348	1,095	1,185	379	412	109
Vermont	160	161	1,430	1,470	229	237	103
Virginia	121	120	1,280	1,300	155	156	101
Washington	247	247	1,915	1,935	473	478	101
Wisconsin	1,366	1,352	1,410	1,460	1,926	1,974	102
20 STATE TOTAL	7,755	7,844	1,487	1,530	11,534	11,998	104

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

U.S. Dairy Products July 2000 Highlights

Butter production was 87.1 million pounds in July, 2.7 percent above July 1999 but 5.1 percent below June 2000.

American Type Cheese production totaled 323 million pounds, 8.0 percent above July 1999 and 4.1 percent above June 2000.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 687 million pounds, 5.7 percent above July 1999 but 1.6 percent below June 2000.

Cream Cottage Cheese production was 30.2 million pounds, 5.3 percent below July 1999 and 5.1 percent below June 2000.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 30.4 million pounds, 4.8 percent below July 1999 and 4.0 percent below June 2000.

Frozen Desserts: (Comparisons with July 1999)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) --- 82.5 million gallons, down 4.8 percent.

Lowfat (total) --- 39.8 million gallons, down 2.4 percent.

Nonfat (hard) --- 2.72 million gallons, down 20.7 percent.

Sherbet (hard) --- 4.77 million gallons, down 10.4 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) --- 8.55 million gallons, up 1.1 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with July 1999)

Nonfat Dry Milk

for Human Food --- 122 million pounds, up 22.9 percent.

Dry Whole Milk --- 9.02 million pounds, up 0.7 percent.

Dry Buttermilk --- 3.37 million pounds, up 17.5 percent.

Idaho Onion Production

Onion production in Idaho is expected to be 4.8 million cwt., a 13 percent decrease from 1999's production of 5.5 million cwt. Idaho's yield is forecast to be 650 cwt. per acre, down from 700 cwt. last year. Idaho onion growers reported some heat stress damage to this year's crop. As of September 5, 11 percent of the state's onions have been harvested.

Nationally, production of summer storage onions (excluding

California) is forecast at 34.0 million cwt., 12 percent less than in 1999 and 5 percent less than in 1998. Harvested acreage, at 73,190, is down 11 percent from last year, and yield, at 464 cwt. per acre, is 7 cwt. less than in 1999. This production total does not include California, where summer storage onions are mostly for processing. California production is forecast at 16.2 million cwt., a 5 percent decrease from last year. Washington production, at 7.8 million cwt., is expected to be 12 percent below 1999.